



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **JUNE 27, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
Rita Hall
John Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Others Present

Janice A. Davis, Commission Services Staff
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Service Staff

Commissioner Bacio joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 13, 2007 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Stathatos, and unanimously carried, the minutes of June 13, 2007 were approved, with the following changes:

- On Page 1, after the last listing of Children Are Our Future, replace All with: *"The three"* Children Are Our Future Group Homes above were visited secondary to the Auditor Report..."
- On Page 2, under the Chair's Report after the Probation Department's add *"and DCFS"* graduation at USC on June 9, 2007, and showed the program from the ceremony to the Commission...

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on 2 articles:

- "Green Cards Go Unclaimed By Many Youths In Foster Care", Los Angeles Times, June 25, 2007, regarding undocumented citizens adopting children in the adoption system.
- "A Twisted Route To Gain Legal Status For Adoptive Children", Los Angeles Times, June 25, 2007, regarding adopted children who are undocumented with immigration.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,173.50.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Janice Davis, Staff, Commission Services, reported the following:

- Ms. Davis, introduced Mr. Garen Khachian, new staff member to the Sybil Brand Commission. Mr. Khachian joined Commission Services in February 2005, and provided assistance to other Commissions. Mr. Khachian stated that he is glad to be working with the Sybil Brand Commission.
- The July 5, 2007 the Sybil Brand Commission meeting will be cancelled.
- The Scholarship presentations for the Los Angeles Trade Technical College students have been tentatively rescheduled to July 31, 2007 during the Board of Supervisor's meeting.
- Commendation letters were sent from the Commission to Chief Robert Taylor, Probation Department and Sergeant Leo Bauer, Transit Services Bureau, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on June 27, 2007.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR OUT OF HOME CARE PROGRAMS CY 2006

Commissioner Hammargren emphasized the importance of availability of "*Well Being data*" from Performance Measures For Out of Home Care Programs to the Commissioners prior to home visits.

CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION "DIRECTIVE FROM PROBATION DEPARTMENT"

The Commission received a copy of the Closed-Circuit Television Directive, Chief Taylor referred to during the June 20, 2007 Sybil Brand Commission meeting, regarding the use of Closed-Circuit Television in juvenile halls and camps as a tool to enhance the safety and security of minors and staff within the facility.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

FACILITY INSPECTION REPORTS FROM JUNE 20 TO JUNE 26, 2007

Steven Gavin Youth Home GLASS House – 27, #1 - Commissioners Bacio and Moore

The facility was visited on June 21, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Fleming & Barne Diamondale Adol – 23, #3- Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

This facility was visited on June 25, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Needs current Needs & Assessments on file.

New Concept Group Home – 42, #1 – Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

This facility was visited on June 26, 2007, and was found to be in excellent condition.

Areas of Concern: House rules needed; evacuation plan needs to be updated.

Fleming & Barne Diamondale Adol - 23, #5- Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

This facility was visited on June 26, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: The dryer was full of lint and needs to be cleaned out; needs current Needs & Assessments on file; the neighbors alleged the facility has received numerous visits from the Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Moore reported the following:

- He attended the Graduation Ceremony honoring the Academic Achievements of Foster Youth on June 6, 2007 at the Walt Disney Concert Hall.
- The Commission would like to invite the Internal Services Department representatives who are working with the "Youth Development Mentors Program" to the Sybil Brand Commission Business Meeting on August 15, 2007.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice A. Davis
Commission Services Division